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SUBJ: DRAFT PRESS LAW PRESENTED TO NARA

1. A DRAFT PRESS LAW HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL ADMINIS-
TRATIVE REFORM ASSEMBLY (NARA) BY NARA MEMBER CHAKCHAI CHAIYAWET-
WATTANA. THE BILL WOULD REQUIRE ALL NEWSPAPER REPORTERS,
EDITORS, PUBLISHERS, PRINTERS AND PROPRIETORS TO REGISTER WITH
THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, AND IMPOSES FINES AND IMPRISONMENT
FOR INFRACTIONS OF ITS RULES.

2. THE BILL IS CLEARLY DESIGNED TO RESTRICT THE PRESS SEVERELY,
AND HAS BEEN FIERCELY ATTACKED IN ALL BANGKOK NEWSPAPERS AND
BY FIVE THAI PRESS ASSOCIATIONS IN A PAID ADVERTIESEMENT
PUBLISHED IN SEVERAL PAPERS. SOURCES AT THE NARA HAVE INFORMED
US THAT NARA WHIPS ARE DECLINING TO PUSH THE BILL AND THAT
NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISORY
COUNCIL (PMAC) SUPPORTS IT. WE SEE LITTLE CHANCE THAT IT
WILL PASS, AND SOME OBSERVERS PREDICT THAT IT WILL NOT REPEAT
NOT PASS ITS FIRST READING.

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